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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1-11 and 20-21 are requested to be cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 14 is currently being amended. No new matter is added.

Claims 22-34 are being added.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 12-19 and 22-34 are now pending in this application.

In paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner has restricted application to the invention of Group I and Group II. Group I includes claims 1-11 and 20-21, drawn to a process of manufacturing a fuse. Group II includes claims 12-15 and 16-19 drawn to a fuse for an integrated circuit.

To advance prosecution, Applicant has cancelled claims 1-11 and 20-21 without prejudice and hereby elect the claims of Group II, claims 12-15 and 16-19. Added claims 22-34 are also directed to the subject matter of Group II. Applicant hereby reserves the right to file divisional applications including claims drawn to the subject matter of Group I.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

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